

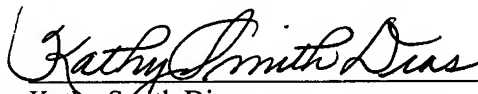


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Title: ANCROD IRRADIATED, IMPREGNATED OR COATED SUTURES  
AND OTHER FIRST AID OR WOUND MANAGEMENT BANDAGING  
MATERIALS FOR MINIMIZING SCARRING AND/OR PREVENTING  
EXCESSIVE SCAR FORMATION

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an initial Office Action mailed on March 27, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expired on June 27, 2006. In light of a one-month extension of time and fee therefor enclosed herewith, response is due by July 27, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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